

## Helena Area LWV ~ VOTER NEWS December 2024



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Hello Patti,

Inside this issue of the Helena Area LWV Voter News, you will find:

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## LWVHA Holiday Luncheon Potluck

Wednesday, December 11  
11:30 am to 1:00 pm  
St. Peter's Episcopal Cathedral



You and a friend or family member are invited! Please bring an appetizer, side dish, salad, or dessert. A holiday ham and chicken lasagna will be provided along with beverages and bread.

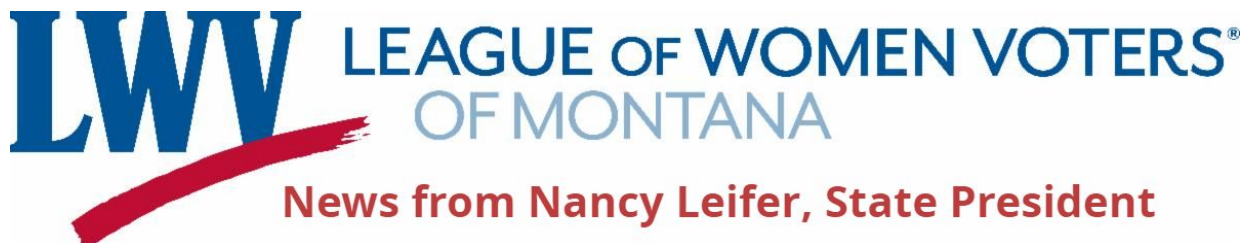
If you have not RSVP'd yet, please **RSVP by Friday, December 6th**, to let us know who is coming. This will help us make sure we have everything we need to accommodate everyone.

*We've made it easy to RSVP.*

Click the button below to fill out a simple RSVP form or call or text Michelle at (406) 461-0107.

**RSVP FOR THE HOLIDAY LUNCHEON  
HERE**

*Directions and where to park at the church are provided in the RSVP confirmation.*



Wednesday, December 11: 7:00 to 8:00 pm - via Zoom

**Learn how to receive and respond to Action Alerts during the 2025 Legislature.** You will need access to the Members-Only section of the LWV Montana website, where you will find more detailed bill reports. [CLICK HERE](#) to register for the Zoom link.

See below step-by-step instructions on registering for Members-Only Access. If you need help with this, send an email to [lww.helena@gmail.com](mailto:lww.helena@gmail.com) and we will contact you.

## **ACTION NEEDED NOW! LWV US ACTION ALERT: PUSH FOR CERTIFICATION OF ERA AMENDMENT**

Urge President Biden to complete his legacy by instructing the US Archivist to certify and publish the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) in the U.S. Constitution! Equality cannot wait. Use the link below. Be sure to fill in the information as you scroll down, and hit "Take Action" to send the message to President Biden.

<https://www.lww.org/take-action/president-must-immediately-publish-equal-rights-amendment>

### **HEADS UP!**

**Look for the LWV Montana Education Briefing Book**  
*... emailed to you soon ...*

LWV Montana voted at its 2023 Convention to review and update its position on Education. The LWV MT Education Working Group has been meeting ever since and has created a Briefing Book on education issues in the 2025 Montana Legislature, with a focus on finances.

Check your email soon from your local League containing the Education Briefing Book, with all of the research papers written by the Group and links to articles on education issues from other sources. Each local League will have a membership meeting to discuss these issues in January, so you can read through the materials in advance.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: LWV Montana *Stories of Democracy* Video Project**

Project volunteers are needed from January 2025 through December of 2026 and beyond to November of 2030 to film and edit video-taped interviews with individuals telling stories of how Montana's democracy has affected their lives. No experience needed to volunteer! Volunteers will be trained to run cameras and recording equipment, conduct interviews, edit recordings, and manage social media sites.

To volunteer, send an email with "Video Project" in the subject line to [nangleifer@gmail.com](mailto:nangleifer@gmail.com).

### **Mark Your Calendars Now for Upcoming Zoom Meetings** *(Same Zoom link for these Wednesday evenings meetings - see below)*

**January 8: 7:00 to 8:00 pm**

"Montana Legislature 2025: How a Bill Becomes Law and How to Contact the Legislature" - the law-making process, when and how citizens can weigh in.

**January 15: 7:00 to 8:00 pm**

"Montana Legislature: How to Write and Deliver Testimony. Training for both written and oral testimony.

**January 22 - May 14 and Wednesdays to follow: 7:00 – 7:30 pm**

"Montana Legislature 2025: This week at the Legislature." Every Wednesday evening at 7:00-7:30 pm. Which bills are up for action each week and how to use the Legislature's website to contact legislators or sign up to give testimony.

*The Zoom link for all Legislature Wednesday meetings is the same.*

Join Zoom Meeting (You may also need the passcode, below):

[https://us05web.zoom.us/j/81203950203?  
pwd=jJ1awuRE8bZbreaxYEGAR6Ey7cAnax.1](https://us05web.zoom.us/j/81203950203?pwd=jJ1awuRE8bZbreaxYEGAR6Ey7cAnax.1)

Meeting ID: 812 0395 0203

Passcode: HEwW5p

For more information about the state League and how we are meeting the challenge of this moment in our democracy, look for the LWV MONTANA NOVEMBER VOTER, which was sent out by local Leagues the week of Thanksgiving.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

*Hope to see you at these LWV Montana Events!*

*Sincerely,*

*Nancy Leifer, President, LWV of Montana*

**MEMBERS ONLY ACCESS – HOW TO GET MEMBERS-ONLY ACCESS ON OUR WEBSITE**

<http://my.lwv.org/montana>

Username or email Password **LOG IN** [Register](#)  
[Forgot password](#)

**LWV** LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MONTANA

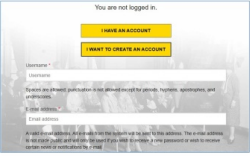
**To create an account:**  
Visit <http://my.lwv.org/montana>  
Click "Register" to access the Registration page (see above where it's located on the webpage).  
Click button: **I WANT TO CREATE AN ACCOUNT**

- Create a username
- Enter your email address (twice to confirm)
- Create a password (twice to confirm)
- Enter your First and Last Name
- Enter your mailing address (this helps us match you to your local league)
- Then find **Montana** on the list of League Membership and check the box.
- Confirm you're not a robot by clicking that box and submit by clicking **CREATE NEW ACCOUNT**.

Your registration will be pending until we verify your membership and move you into "active" status.  
To expedite this process, please send an email to [montanahw@gmail.com](mailto:montanahw@gmail.com) to let us know you've registered and check back within a day or two to see if you can log in.

Once activated, you will see MEMBERS-ONLY at the bottom of the navigation links on the left side of the website with a list of pages that only members can access (2025 Legislative Action, Observer Corps, Voter Resources, Civic Education, The Voter newsletters, etc.).

If you need help registering or accessing the pages, send an email to [montanahw@gmail.com](mailto:montanahw@gmail.com) and we'll troubleshoot the issue and get it resolved.



**CLICK THE IMAGE TO  
DOWNLOAD STEP-BY-STEP  
INSTRUCTIONS ON  
REGISTERING FOR MEMBERS-  
ONLY ACCESS.**

## MT LWV WEBSITE Members-Only Access

Our website (which we hope all members visit regularly and use as a resource) has a password-protected Members-Only section that contains resources and information restricted to our members. For that reason, you need to register to gain access and once verified as a member, will need to log in to see those pages.

Many of our members have already registered and have access to these pages. If you want to know more about 2025 Legislative Action you can take, Voter Resources, Civics Education, an archive of the *The Voter* newsletters, Observer Corps reports, and a calendar of Members-Only events and meetings, please register!



## Read the OBSERVER CORPS Reports

Members of the LWVHA Observer Corps are attending meetings and submitting brief reports that will be emailed to members on a bi-monthly schedule.

Look for an email with these reports in an upcoming email or read them on this Members-Only webpage: [Observer Corps](#).

## Recommended for LWV Members

*Because we're not starting up the Book & Discussion Group until next year, here is an online event we think our members will enjoy. Coming up this week!*

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 7:00 PM**

[REGISTER HERE.](#)

The graphic has a white background with a blue border. On the left, the title "Doris Kearns Goodwin 2024 Annual Mansfield Lecture" is in large, bold, maroon font. Below it, the subtitle "Leadership Lessons From The 1960s: A Front-Row Seat To History" is in a smaller, bold, maroon font. To the right is a circular portrait of Doris Kearns Goodwin, a woman with blonde hair, smiling, wearing a dark blue jacket. Below the portrait is a maroon rectangular box with white text: "JOIN US THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2024 AT 7:00 PM MST IN THE UC BALLROOM OR VIA THE LIVESTREAM". At the bottom left, the "MANSFIELD DIALOGUES" logo is displayed in blue and orange. A decorative wavy line in maroon and blue separates the bottom text from the rest of the graphic.

**Doris Kearns Goodwin**  
**2024 Annual**  
**Mansfield Lecture**

**Leadership Lessons From**  
**The 1960s: A Front-Row**  
**Seat To History**

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MANSFIELD  
DIALOGUES

Join fellow faculty, staff, students, and community members at the 2024 Mansfield Lecture presented by Pulitzer Prize-winning author and presidential historian Doris Kearns Goodwin at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 5th in the UC Ballroom or online.

In this fireside chat, titled "Leadership Lessons From the 1960s: A Front-Row Seat To History," Goodwin will share powerful insights from her latest #1 New York Times bestseller, *An Unfinished Love Story: A Personal History of the 1960s*.

This event is a highlight of the Mansfield Dialogue series at UM, which are always free and open to the public, but advanced registration is recommended by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/3rr6eysf>.

# Welcome our New Members!

Kate Fry  
Maxwell Milton & Joan Bird  
Gayleen Strachan  
Christine Walrath

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## Our Renewing Members!

DeeDee Cress  
Tracy Donaldson



## MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE BY 12/31/24 FOR MOST MEMBERS

Members who joined or renewed prior to April 1, 2024 (the start of our fiscal year), need to renew by December 31, 2024. Reminder postcards were mailed in October to all members who need to pay their dues. **IF YOU HAVE ALREADY PAID YOUR DUES, THANK YOU!** We value and appreciate each one of you!

**TO PAY YOUR DUES BY CHECK, PLEASE SEND TO THE PO  
ADDRESS BELOW OR [RENEW ONLINE HERE](#)**

### 2024-26 Board Members

**Co-president:** Sharon Haugen

**Co-president:** Cherri Jones

**Treasurer:** Connie Griffith

**Secretary:** Denise Pengeroth

### At-Large Board Members:

Ann Gilkey

Mary "Mickey" Harlow

Lynn Hinch

Julie Huntington

### Coming up in the January 2025 issue of the LWWHA Voter News

- 2025 Legislature - Staying informed and taking action
- Education Briefing Book
- Student Essay Winners
- 2025 Member Meeting Calendar
- Committee Updates
- Book & Discussion Group
- Stories of Montana Suffragists

- And more!

### Committee Chairs

**Book & Discussion Group:** Kathy McNeill

**Communications:** Patti Borneman & Becky Piske

**Health Care:** Sue Hoell & Celeste Jazwinski

**Local Government:** Mickey Harlow & Sue Hoell

**Membership:** Wendy Wheeler

**Nominating:** Sue Hoell

**Publicity:** Marga Lincoln

**VOTE411:** Patrice Anderson & Tracy Donaldson

**Voter Services:** Rebecca Johnson

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